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## AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 16, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- (1) An amended Abstract begins on page 2 of this paper.
- (2) Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.
- (3) Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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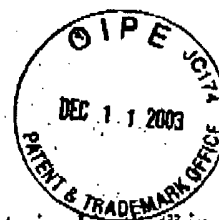
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- 1) Transmittal (in duplicate)
- 2) Amendment
- 3) Exhibits A and B (grants of U.S. patents reciting "characterized in that" in claims)

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